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Laſt Night arrived Major Leviſſcher, Aide de Camp to the Lord Viſcount Cobham, from Vigo, with the following Account.

HIS Excellency the Lord Viſcount Cobham, with the Men of War commanded by Vice Admiral Mighells, and the Tranſports having the Forces on board, arriving on the Coaſt of Galicia, kept cruiſing three Days in the Station appointed for Captain Johnſon to join them; but having no News of him, and the Danger of lying on the Coaſt at this Seaſon of the Year with Tranſports, rendering it neceſſary to take ſome Meaſures of acting without him, and the Wind offering fair for Vigo, his Lordſhip took the Reſolution of going thither.

On the 29th of September, O. S. they entered the Harbour of Vigo, and the Grenadiers being immediately landed about three Miles from the Town, drew up on the Beach. Some Peaſants fired from the Mountains at a great Diſtance, but without any Execution. His Lordſhip went aſhore with the Grenadiers; and the Regiments followed as faſt as the Boats could carry them. That Night and the following Day and Night, the Troops lay upon their Arms. In the mean while Proviſions for four Days were brought aſhore, and Guards were poſted in ſeveral Avenues, to the Diſtance of above a Mile up the Country.

On the 1ſt of October his Lordſhip moved with the Forces nearer to the Town, and encamped at a ſtrong Poſt, with the Left to the Sea near the Village of Boas, and the Right extending towards the Mountains. This Motion of the Army, and ſome Parties that were ordered to view the Town and Citadel, gave the Enemy ſome Apprehenſions that Preparations were making to attack them; whereupon they ſet Fire to the Carriages of the Cannon of the Town, nailed thoſe Cannon, and by all their Motions ſeemed determined to abandon the Town to the Care of the Magiſtrates and Inhabitants, and to retire with the Regular Troops into the Citadel. Whereupon the Lord Cobham ſent to ſummon the Town to ſurrender, which the Magiſtrates made no Difficulty of doing; and the ſame Night his Lordſhip ordered Brigadier Honywood with 800 Men, to take Poſt in the Town, and Fort of St. Sebaſtian which the Enemy had alſo abandoned.

On the 3d a Bomb Veſſel began to bombard the Citadel, but with little Execution by reaſon of the great Diſtance: (the other Bomb-Veſſel, called the Furnace, was ſeparated from the Fleet in bad Weather off the Groyne; and 'tis feared is loſt, unleſs ſhe be got into Lisbon.) That Evening the large Mortars and the Coehorn Mortars were landed at the Town; between 40 and 50 of them, great and ſmall, placed on a Battery under Cover of Fort St. Sebaſtian, began in the Night to play upon the Citadel, and continued it four Days with great Succeſs: The 4th Day his Lordſhip ordered battering Cannon to be landed, and with ſome others found in the Town, to be placed in Battery on Fort St. Sebaſtian. At the ſame time his Lordſhip ſent the Governour a Summons to ſurrender, ſignifying, that if he ſtayed till our Battery of Cannon was ready, he ſhould have no Quarter. Col. Legoniere was ſent with this Meſſage, but found the Governour Don Joſeph de los Cereros had the Day before been carried out of the Caſtle wounded. The Lieutenant Collonel who commanded in his Abſence, deſired Leave and Time to ſend to the Marqueſs de Risbourg, at Tuy, for his Directions; but being told the Hoſtilities ſhould be continued, if they did not ſend their Articles of Capitulation without any Delay, they ſoon complied.

Articles upon which Collonel Don Gonzales de Sotto, Commander in Chief of Caſtro, offers to ſurrender the Caſtle of Caſtro to his Excellency the Lord Cobham, Generaliſſimo of the King of Great Britain's Troops.

1. That the Garriſon of Regular Troops now in the Caſtle, ſhall march out with Arms and Baggage, Drums beating, Colours flying, their Cartouches and Flasks full of Powder, and Ball in Proportion. *Granted.*

2. That Carriages be granted for the Officers Tents and Baggage. *The Garriſon to find them.*

3. That the Garriſon march out by Land by the ſhorteſt Way to the Bridge of St. Payo, with all Security, and Proviſions for four Days. *Granted.*

4. That ſix Pieces of Braſs Cannon and two Mortars, with 12 Rounds of Powder and Ball, be granted them, with Carriages, and if they cannot carry them by Land, they may carry them by Water as far as Ullo; and that from thence they may march in ſix Days, as alſo the Garriſon, where they ſhall think moſt proper. *Refuſed.*

5. That Carriages be granted for the Wounded, as well Soldiers as Peaſants; and thoſe not able to be tranſported, ſhall ſtay in Vigo till cured, at the Catholick King's Expence. *Granted, the Garriſon finding the Means for Tranſporting them.*

6. That the Militia now in the Caſtle may march out with Arms and Baggage without Moleſtation, and return to their reſpective Habitations, or where they ſhall think fit. *Granted without Arms.*

7. That if any Foreigner be found, either in the Artillery or any other Imployment, he ſhall not be moleſted. *Granted, except Deſerters.*

8. That the Officers and Soldiers of this Garriſon may have Liberty to take with them the Clothes and Linnen they left in Vigo. *They ſhall be brought to the Caſtle to them, and an Officer of the Garriſon ſhall be allowed to come into the Town to ſhew where they are.*

9. This Capitulation being granted, all Magazines of Ammunition and Proviſions ſhall faithfully be delivered to the Perſon his Excellency the Lord Cobham ſhall appoint, and the Gate of St. Philip ſhall be alſo delivered up.

10. That the Capitulation being agreed to, four Days ſhall be granted for the Evacuation of the Place, and my Lord Cobham ſhall ſign me a Copy of this, and I will do the ſame. *Granted two Days.*

Cobham. *Don Gonzales de Sotto.*

The Garriſon marched out the 10th in the Morning, conſiſting of ſeven Companies of the Regiment of Spain, and four of the Regiment of Valencia, amounting to 469 Men; having had above 300 killed or wounded by our Bombs. The Place coſt us but two Officers, and three or four Men killed; and, no doubt, was ſtrong enough to have given a great deal more trouble. An exact Account was not yet taken of the Stores of War which were found in the Town and Citadel; but when that Account is perfected, it will be found very conſiderable. There were in the Town about 60 Pieces of large Iron Cannon, which when the Enemy abandoned, they nailed and damaged, as much as their Time would give them leave. And in the Citadel were forty three Pieces, of which fifteen are fine Braſs Guns, and two large Mortars; beſides above 2000 Barrels of Powder, and ſeveral Cheſts of Arms, amounting to about 8000 Muskets. All which Stores, and the Braſs Ordnance, were lodged there from on board the Ships which were to have viſited Great Britain laſt Spring; and the very Troops which gave up this Place, were alſo of that Expedition. The Lord Cobham had ſummoned the adjacent Country to furniſh Proviſions, and pay Contribution, on pain of Military Execution. His Lordſhip ſent a Party to Redondella, where they found the old Fort abandoned and run to Ruin, and the Inhabitants were fled.

That Part of the Province was under ſuch a Conſternation, that 'twas thought half the People had run away into Portugal. There were but few regular Troops in the Province, the Marquis de Risbourg had drawn together as many as he could get near Tuy, which is within three or four Leagues of Vigo. There had been very great Rains for three Days. Some of our Officers who ſpoke with Spaniſh Officers before they marched from Vigo, were told by them, that Collonel Owen had been in the Place, and that the late Duke of Ormond was raiſing a Regiment